



PRAY • FOUNDATION • MT 7:24-25 • JANUARY • INDIVIDUALS AND CHURCH

### Review:

I follow Jesus with others who follow Jesus, and Jesus builds his church.  
I build my life on a Jesus-centered understanding of God's Word.  
I will put in the work of humility, purity, service, and wisdom.

TRANSITION: MOVING BEYOND THE INDIVIDUAL: MATTHEW 16:18 • DIG INTO IT • MATTHEW 16:13-20

## OUR MEMBERSHIP

Definitions — Matthew 16:13-20

Son of Man:

REFER TO DANIEL 7

The Rock:

NOT PETER, BUT THE REVELATION

The Church (*ekklesia*):

DEFINED MEMBERSHIP AND PURPOSE • EITHER YOU ARE IN OR YOU'RE OUT

Gates of Hades:

DEFENSE? SPIRITUAL WARFARE? BRAIN TUMOR • OFFENSE? AT WAR! OPPOSE EVIL! • BUT GATES DON'T ATTACK • "PREVAIL" IS FOR AGGRESSORS • METAPHOR FOR DEATH

**DEATH** won't **DEFEAT** the **CHURCH**.

WE WILL COME BACK TO THIS • KEYS TO HEAVEN... THAT'S FOR NEXT WEEK

Don't Tell Anyone:

Who's In? — Matthew 16:21-28

WHO ARE THE TRUE FOLLOWERS, THE TRUE RESIDENTS OF THE KINGDOM? READ 21-23  
PETER'S NOW OUTSIDE • TEASE PETER

Membership means accepting the **DEATH** of **JESUS**.

I FOLLOW THE ONE WHO DIED • 24 • ILL: HIGH SCHOOL REAL CHRISTIANS SUFFER! FISH AGAINST THE CURRENT!  
BUT JESUS WASN'T KILLED FOR BEING WEIRD. PEOPLE LOVED HIM! • MARK 10:45

Membership means **FOLLOWING** Jesus in his sacrifice.

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